

Abstract of the Disclosure

An electronic device capable of carrying out a plurality of commands, which are symbolized by a plurality of icons displayed on a touch screen so as to allow a user to select a command by contacting the screen at the icon with a pen, or other object. If the contact is brief, the selected command is carried out. If the contact is longer than a predetermined time, a message associated with the command is provided. In the latter case, if the user still wants the selected command to be carried out, the user removes the pen off the screen directly from the icon. Otherwise, the user moves the pen out of the icon area. The message is then ended. If the user moves the pen to another icon, a different message is provided. The message can be provided in a text form or an audible form.